

Historic Preservation Commission Communication

Department: Community Development		
Case #HP-16-012		
Subject/Title		
Review and comment on the Intensive Level Historic Architectural Survey of the South 8 th Street Neighborhood.		
Background/Discussion		
<p>The Certified Local Government grant program is administered jointly by the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office and is intended to promote historic preservation at the grassroots level. The CLG program seeks to develop and maintain local historic preservation programs that will influence local decisions critical to historic properties and to ensure the broadest possible participation of local governments in the national historic preservation program while maintaining preservation standards established by the Secretary of the Interior. The City of Council Bluffs is CLG and is in good standing with the State Historic Preservation office. The City Council authorized the Mayor to make a grant application to the program by Resolution No. 14-235, on August 25, 2014. A grant award in the amount of \$9,650.00 was made to conduct an intensive level historic survey of the South 8th Street area. Following the grant award the City solicited proposals from qualified consultants to conduct the research and prepare the report. The City hired the Office of the State Archeologist, University of Iowa.</p> <p>The Community Development Department worked in partnership with the hired consultant, City Historic Preservation Commission and Preserve Council Bluffs, a local historic preservation focused organization. The research necessary to complete the survey report was completed by the hired consultant and is presented as Attachment 'A' to this report. Historical ownership research information was conducted by local community residents, commissioners and neighborhood volunteers. The survey included the evaluation of 94 properties. Individual site inventory forms for each property are available for review at the Community Development Department office, City Clerk's office and at the Council Bluffs Public Library reference desk. The survey document sets forth a recommended historic district boundary. It should be noted the recommendation does not include all surveyed properties.</p>		
Recommendation		
The Community Development Department recommends: 1) concurrence with the proposed historic district boundary proposed in the report and 2) submittal to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment.		
Attachment A: <i>'Intensive Level Historic Architectural Survey of the South 8th Street Neighborhood, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Pottawattamie County'</i> , authored by Richard J. Carlson		
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